Amendment to the Claims:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2-7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) [[The]] <u>A</u> hospital <u>information</u> system as elaimed in claim 6, wherein comprising:

an electronic medical record database having stored therein electronic medical record information including at least clinical pathways, medical record information for patients and follow-up sheets for the patients;

a clinical communicator database having stored therein clinical communication information including at least event information for the patients, event information for medical care professionals and messages to/from the medical care professionals, the clinical communication database including an e-mail exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing patient information indices which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database, and in which the e-mail includes medical record information of the identified patient:

a clinical communication device connected to the electronic medical record database and the clinical communicator database through a communication link, the clinical communication device including:

electronic medical record information extraction section for extracting the electronic medical record information from the electronic medical record database;

[[the]] \underline{a} clinical communication information extraction means $\underline{section}$ which extracts the medical record information in the e-mail from the clinical communicator database; [[and]]

display control for displaying the electronic medical record information and the clinical communication information, while linking them with each other: